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OGC Has Reviewed

Finance Division

Office of the General Counsel

Settlement of the Account of [REDACTED] deceased.

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 31 May 1951, wherein you have asked whether Public Law 636, 81st Congress, would permit the application of funds due but not paid at the time of death to the liquidation of an outstanding travel advance, if travel voucher is unsigned by [REDACTED]

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2. In our opinion, Public Law 636 neither expressly permits nor prohibits such action. However, the Standardized Government Travel Regulations provide that the head of each department or his designee shall make certain a travel advance is deducted from total expenses allowed or that it is otherwise recovered (paragraph 96a). Because of this language and the impossibility of obtaining [REDACTED] signature on the voucher, there is no legal objection to settlement of this case without the deceased's signature. We are assuming that the Finance Division is satisfied with the method used to arrive at the sum of \$20.96 in the April voucher.

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3. We believe it is unnecessary to ask the decedent's legal representative to sign the April voucher. Submission of a duly executed Standard Form 1153 or 1155 (claim for unpaid compensation) should be sufficient claim for money due [REDACTED]

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Enclosures:

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Memo to Chief, CP from
Chief, Contact Div.
dtd 17 May 1951

Distribution:

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